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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1637

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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN NAMED TO ASSIST UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA

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1. BERNARD K. MUGANDA, DIRECTOR OF EUROPE AND AMERICAS
DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS TOLD US HE
PLANS TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK APRIL 29 TO TAKE UP NEW
POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA
MARTTI AHTISAARI.

2. ACCORDING TO MUGANDA, AHTISAARI ASKED PRESIDENT
NYERERE TO PERMIT MUGANDA TO SERVE WITH HIM IN NEW YORK
FOR TWO YEARS. AHTISAARI WAS FINNISH AMBASSADOR IN
DAR ES SALAAM BEFORE APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA.

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3. WE ASSUME NYERERE WOULD SEE ADVANTAGE IN HAVING A
TANZANIAN IN INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN UN BUREAUCRACY CONCERNED
WITH NAMIBIA. USUN, HOWEVER, WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION
TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH WEIGHT COMMISSIONER'S ASSISTANT CARRIES.
MUGANDA HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND
IS NOW CASTING ABOUT FOR INFORMATION ON NAMIBIA. HIS
CONCEPTIONS OF NAMIBIAN PROBLEM AS EXPRESSED TO US REFLECT

OFFICIAL TANZANIAN ATTITUDES BUT WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO BE
RECEPTIVE TO THE WIDE VARIETY OF OPINION HE WILL ENCOUNTER
IN HIS NEW JOB.

4. MUGANDA, 40, IS A NEPHEW OF PRESIDENT NYERERE. HE EARNED
A B.A. AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND AN M.A. AND PH. D IN
ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY. HE WAS TEACHING
AT HOWARD WHEN HE RETURNED IN 1972 TO JOIN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE THEN FOREIGN
MINISTER JOHN MALECELA. SINCE 1975 HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF
WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. MUGANDA IS ARTICULATE,
FRIENDLY, THOUGHTFUL, AND WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE UNITED STATES.
HE IS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE, A KENYAN WHO NOW LIVES IN THE
US. MUGANDA'S NEW YORK ASSIGNMENT HAS ADDED INTEREST FOR
HIM AS HE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIS CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING
WITH THEIR MOTHER.
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